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In re Application of
Richard D. Hull, et al.
Application No. 09/546,399
Filed: April 10, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: 108949.101

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 28, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 21, 2006, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1631 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Sherry D. Brinkley
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¹The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).



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Date : April 28, 2006
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of

Applicant(s) : Richard D. Hull, et al.
Application No. : 09/546,399
Filed : April 10, 2000

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 7,047,140 and an issue date of May 16, 2006.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of May 16, 2006:

"All reference to Patent No. 7,047,140 to RICHARD D. HULL, ET AL. of NEW JERSEY for CHEMICAL STRUCTURE SIMILARITY RANKING SYSTEM AND COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR SAME appearing in the Official Gazette of May 16, 2006, should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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